[*English*]

Items under Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme

2474. SHRI C.P. MUDLA GIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the names of the items which are eligible for financing under the Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small scale Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) A draft Scheme of Integrated Infrastructural Development (including Technological Back-up Services) for Small Scale Industries in Rural/Backward Areas has been included in the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97) proposals in pursuance of Policy Measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises announced on 6th August, 1991. The Scheme is under finalisation in consultation with the concerned authorities in the Centre and State/UT Governments.

[*Translation*]

Acquisition of Land by DDA

2475. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority propose to acquire land under its action plan; and

(b) if so, the total area of land to be acquired and the time by which it is likely to be acquired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to acquire about 17,000 Hectares land by the turn of Century to meet the urbanisation requirement.

[*English*]

Separate Policy for Sick Small-Scale Industrial Units

2476. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are preparing a separate policy to cure sick small scale industrial units,

(b) whether while formulating such a policy the desirability of dismantling all controls on small-scale as well as tiny units has been considered and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to enunciate broad features of the separate policy for sick small scale industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P.J KURIEN): (a) to (c). A committee to review the arrangements for meeting the working capital requirements of small scale industries and for the rehabilitation of sick small scale industries and to examine any other issues relating to small scale industries has been appointed vide RBI memorandum dt 9.12.91. The committee is expected to submit the report by 30.6.1992.

Items under Small Scale Industry

2477. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scope of adding new items to the list reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale industry, has widened now;

(b) the efforts being made to accelarate the expanding of the reserve list after giving wider publicity to the reservation procedure of small scale industry, and

(c) the other measures being taken by the Government to promote and protect small scale industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P J KURIEN) (a) and (b) Reservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector is a continuous process The Advisory Committee on Reservation constituted under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951 meets periodically and considers items to be reserved, to de-reserved and the nomenclature of items to be changed on the basis of proposals placed before it As on date, 836 items are reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector

(c) Policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises were laid in Parliament on 6th August, 1991 These policy measures are intended to promote and protect the interests of small scale sector

Exposure to Biotechnology

2478 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the outcome of the first-ever Science Industry National Consortium on Bio technology held in April, 1990,

(b) whether the Government propose to disseminate of for wider public awareness as a part of involvement of people through education and exposure to bio-technology, and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to demystify bio-technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) to (c) It was unanimously agreed by the participants of the April 1990 meeting, comprising Scientists, Biotechnologists, Industrialists Entrepreneurs, representatives from the Financial Institutions and Senior Government Officials to set up a Biotechnology Consortium with the objective of permuting commercialisation of biotechnology based products and services A company jointly promoted by Industrial Development Bank of India and other financial institutions and industries was constituted in September, 1990 by the name of M/s Biotech Consortium India Ltd (BCIL), New Delhi BCIL has taken initiatives to generate wider public awaroness in biotech nology through information services and has started publishing a "News Letter BCIL has been organising and participating in workshops, meetings, industry-university get-together, technology fairs, and various other aspects of biotechnology promotion It has played an important role in creating awareness about the scientific, technological and commercial aspects of biotechnology amongst the R & D Financial and industrial institutions, entrepreneurs and general public Technology, technologists and pat ents directories are being prepared for use of industries

R and D Institutions and Industry

2479 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether there exists any effective linkage between research and development institutions and industry to ensure substan tial progress in industrial marketing in the domestic and international markets